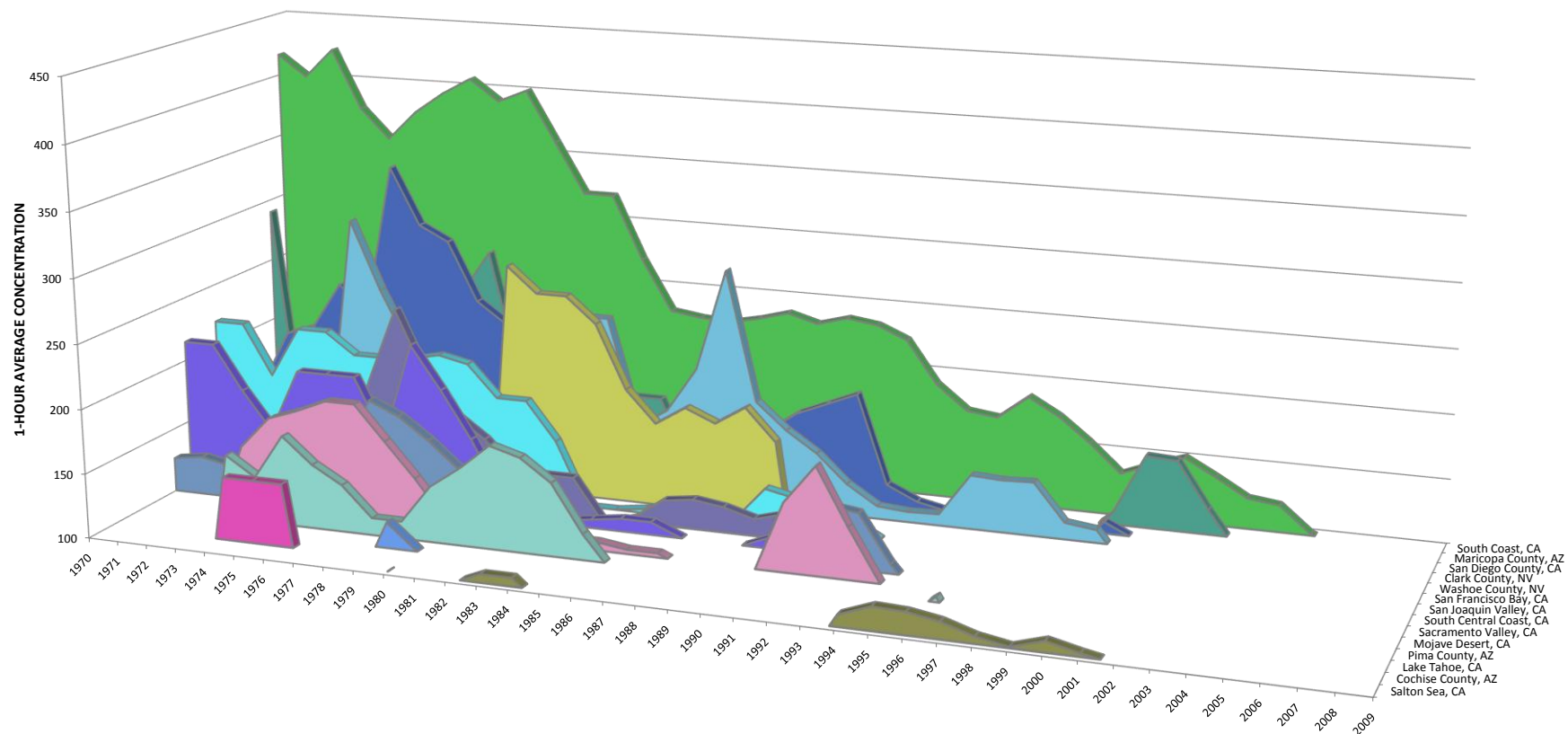


**US EPA REGION 9 AIR QUALITY TRENDS, 1970-2009**  
**1-HOUR NITROGEN DIOXIDE DESIGN VALUE CONCENTRATIONS BY AIR BASIN**



Standard: 100 parts per billion (ppb).

Source: US EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) database.

Design Value: Three year average of the 98th percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average values.

Not all design values are valid due to data completeness issues. X-axis labels represent the last year of a monitor's three year average. All regionally-concurred exceptional events have been excluded from design value calculations.